IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Allowed:

January 30, 2006

Hiroshi TANAKA, et al.

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Examiner: Pham, Thierry L.

For:

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 30, 2006, Applicants note that the Examiner has not indicated that the formal drawings filed on May 19, 2000 and the Corrected Drawings filed on April 12, 2004 are accepted and approved.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept and approve the Formal Drawings filed on May 19, 2000 and the Corrected Drawings filed on April 12, 2004.

No fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Date: February 9, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,

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